Consumer Product SAFETY ALERT

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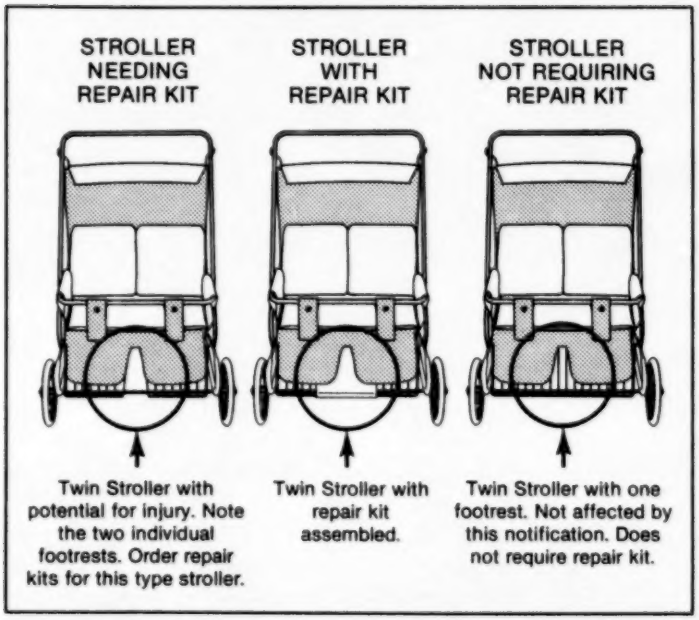
Under laws administered by CPSC, an estimated 325 million potentially hazardous products have been called back from the marketplace and consumers since 1973 (when CPSC was created). Most of these were voluntarily recalled by manufacturers who established programs to repair or replace the products, or to refund the purchase price.

Hedstrom to Voluntarily Repair Twin Totliner Strollers


STROLLER NEEDING REPAIR KIT
STROLLER WITH REPAIR KIT
STROLLER NOT REQUIRING REPAIR KIT
Twin Stroller with potential for injury. Note the two individual footrests. Order repair kits for this type stroller.
Twin Stroller with repair kit assembled.
Twin Stroller with one footrest. Not affected by this notification. Does not require repair kit.

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Hedstrom Company of Bedford, Pennsylvania, has announced a voluntary repair program affecting approximately 34,200 Twin Totliner strollers manufactured between October 1975 and April 1982. The firm has received reports that 6 children have suffered broken legs after getting a foot caught between the stroller's two footrests.

To eliminate the potential for injury if a child places a foot in the space between the footrests of the stroller which is designed to carry two children side by side, Hedstrom has developed a plastic footrest guard that fits on the product and prevents access between the wire footrests.

To obtain a free guard, consumers who own a Twin Totliner stroller may contact the retail store where the stroller was purchased or call Hedstrom's toll-free number: 800-233-3271; in Pennsylvania, 800-242-9034. Consumers may also write to: Department 100, Hedstrom Company, P.O. Box 432, Bedford, PA 15522.

These strollers were distributed nationally and in Canada. Hedstrom model numbers affected are: 15-063, 15-163, 15-562, 15-5623, 15-662, 15-763, 15-862, and 15-963.

Also affected are Sears, Roebuck and Co. units with model number 36494 and Sears Canada, Inc., formerly Simpson Sears, model number 66068.

Look for the model number on

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an identification label attached to the frame of the stroller. Twin Totliner strollers manufactured after April 1982 have a single footrest and are not affected by this repair program.

The Commission and Hedstrom advise parents not to use the stroller until the guard is in place. After repair has been completed, be sure children are properly seated and seat belts are securely fastened whenever using the stroller.

Consumers may also call the CPSC toll-free Hotline for information at 800-638-CPSC. A teletypewriter number for the hearing-impaired is 800-638-8270.